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Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

Obama-Era Waters of U.S. Rule Reinstated in 26 States

By Amena H. Saiyid

This is a developing story. Check back for updates.

New York City Adopts Cap on Trash Depots; Court Challenge Looms

By John Herzfeld

Legislation limiting the permitted capacity of solid waste transfer stations in three low-income districts in New York City's outer boroughs was signed into law Aug. 16 by Mayor Bill de Blasio (D).

Energy General Counsel Nominee Questioned on Coal Bailout Plan (1)

By Rebecca Kern

The nominee to be the Energy Department's general counsel declined to offer details on how he would implement the White House's efforts to bail out coal plants, saying he doesn't have all the facts about the administration's plan.

House Republicans in Tough Races Play Up Environmental Stances

By Dean Scott

Vulnerable House Republicans are reminding voters they're climate-friendly—touting their membership on the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus—or playing up votes to keep public lands off-limits to drilling, all in hopes of finding a safe harbor from a potential Democratic wave.

TODAY'S NEWS

Bayer Vows Stronger Roundup Defense as It Absorbs Monsanto

By Naomi Kresge

Bayer AG vowed to step up its defense against a wave of U.S. lawsuits over the herbicide Roundup as it began the formal integration of Monsanto Co., acquired for \$66 billion in June.

Blame Game for Wildfires Heats Up as White House Unveils Plans

By Christopher Flavelle and Justin Sink

The Trump administration, set to announce a new policy to fight wildfires, is doubling down on its assertion that the best response is better forest and water management rather than focusing on climate change.

Patagonia, IKEA Among Companies Wanting to Buy Back Old Stuff

By Adam Allington

The local Salvation Army thrift store isn't the only place offering new life to used clothing and furniture: Patagonia Inc., Eileen Fisher Inc., H&M, and IKEA are among the global brands experimenting with repair or buy-back programs to extend their products' lives.

Outdoor Ban on Two Types of Pesticides Proposed in Canada

By James Munson

Harm to aquatic insects has spurred Canada to propose a full outdoor ban for a family of pesticides, instead of a partial one proposed earlier this year.

Last New U.S. Nuclear Project's Fate to Be Decided by September

By Mark Chediak

Plans to build the first nuclear reactors in the U.S. in decades are in danger of being scrubbed amid \$1.5 billion in new cost overruns.

Conrail Gets Mixed Win in Toxic Spill Appeal

By Steven M. Sellers

Consolidated Rail Corp. must pay \$500 in negligence damages to a New Jersey man who drove through a cloud of vinyl chloride gas from a train derailment, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled Aug. 15.

State Water Protections Blocked Energy Projects, Republicans Say

By Amena H. Saiyid

Republican senators and a tribal representative accused Washington state Aug. 16 of using water quality protection as an excuse to threaten the country's drive toward energy independence.

Keystone XL Pipeline Sent Back for New Environmental Review

By Rachel Adams-Heard

The State Department must conduct a new environmental review for the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline, a federal judge ruled, dealing a blow to a project pushed by President Donald Trump during his first few days in office.

New Hampshire Site First for Fluorochemicals Health Study (1)

By Pat Rizzuto

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will use New Hampshire's Pease International Tradeport as a test site for a larger investigation of the health effects of fluorochemicals, which are fueling lawsuits and contaminating sources of drinking water across the country.

Solar-Panel Makers in Europe Press for Longer Tariffs on China

By Jonathan Stearns

European Union solar-panel producers are mounting a last-ditch push to maintain EU tariffs on imports from China, a step that would threaten to reignite trade tensions with Beijing.

Failed Blowout Preventers Cited at Oklahoma Gas Rig Explosion (1)

By Ari Natter

A key piece of safety equipment on a drilling rig in Oklahoma owned by Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. didn't function properly during a natural gas well explosion and fire that killed five workers earlier this year, a federal investigative agency says.

Energy's Cyber Threat Plea to Trump: Kick Up the U.S. Oversight

By Naureen S. Malik

With cyberattacks against U.S. natural gas utilities growing, the industry's got an unusual message for the regulation-cutting Trump Administration: Give us more scrutiny.

U.K. Energy Suppliers Can't Catch a Break With Public Trust

By Jeremy Hodges and Rachel Morison

British energy suppliers are still struggling to earn the public's trust despite it being easier than ever to switch providers.

Nuclear Revival Talk Could Upend Historic Swedish Energy Accord

By Jesper Starn

Sweden's biggest ever cross-party energy deal was designed to provide stability for utilities for almost three decades, but the 2016 accord is now at risk of being ripped up after next month's general election.

Panasonic to Offer Solar Cells from Tesla Factory to Others

By Chisaki Watanabe

Japan's Panasonic Corp. said it plans to offer solar cells produced in the Buffalo, N.Y., plant it built with Tesla Inc. to other clients beginning this fall.

Canada, U.K. Plan the First Paris Climate Deal Carbon Trades

By Mathew Carr

Canada and the U.K. are among six countries preparing the first carbon trades under the landmark Paris Agreement on climate change, part of an effort to unlock as much as \$4 billion for the fight against global warming.

All-Electric Ships on the Horizon as Rolls Adds Battery Business

By Aine Quinn

Rolls-Royce Holdings Plc has begun offering its own battery-powered ship engines in a move that signals the gathering momentum behind a push toward hybrid and ultimately all-electric vessels.

Toyota Ends Diesel-Engine Pact with BMW Amid Tougher Regulation

By Ma Jie and Kevin Buckland

Toyota Motor Corp. is no longer sourcing diesel engines for its Europe vehicles from BMW AG, ending a six-year partnership with the German automaker as countries tighten emission standards following Volkswagen AG's cheating scandal.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Southwestern States Safe from Colorado River Water Cuts—For Now

By Brenna Goth

Southwestern states won't take a hit next year to the Colorado River water that serves cities, agriculture, and development—but the outlook is bleaker in 2020, according to new federal projections.

Oil and Gas Lines Not Being Inspected Annually, Group Alleges

By Tripp Baltz

The federal government hasn't inspected pipelines running through public lands as required by law, an environmental group said in a lawsuit.

Monsanto's Glyphosate Appeal Denied by California Supreme Court (1)

By Joyce E. Cutler

Monsanto Co.'s challenge to California's decision to list the popular herbicide glyphosate as a known carcinogen won't head to the state's highest court.

Pipelines Worth \$10 Billion in Legal Limbo as Feds Rush Reviews

By Rachel Adams-Heard and Stephen Cunningham

The Trump administration's push to more quickly approve energy infrastructure could spell trouble for future natural gas pipelines, with two Appalachian projects already facing major setbacks after environmental reviews were found to be deficient.

Federal Nuclear Weapons Board Reorganizes Inspection Offices (1)

By Brenna Goth

The independent board that oversees the safety of federal defense nuclear facilities will have less staff at its Washington headquarters and more at the sites it inspects, following criticism over its effectiveness.

Dominion's Atlantic Coast Pipeline Wins Small Court Victory (1)

By Rachel Adams-Heard (Bloomberg)

Dominion Energy's Atlantic Coast natural gas pipeline was dealt a small victory after a federal appeals court denied a request from environmental foes to halt construction until a new permit is released.

Avangrid Hydro Plan Opposed Over Maine Forest Cutting

By Adrienne Appel

An Avangrid Inc. plan to build transmission lines in Maine to bring Canadian hydropower to Massachusetts would cut through deep forests in Maine and shouldn't go forward, environmental advocates and landowners urged Aug. 15.



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